Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering April 10th to 16th, 2016, there were 560,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 900 from March 2016 but 9,400 less than the number employed in April 2015.

Agricultural employment was 39,800 persons in April 2016, down 400 from the March 2016 level and 1,200 less than the April 2015 agricultural employment level of 41,000. Non-agricultural employment was 520,300 persons in April 2016. This is an increase of 1,300 from the March 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 519,000 but 8,200 less than April 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2016 was 7.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2016 rate of 6.9 percent and 2.2 percentage points higher than the April 2015 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,800 to 602,500 persons in April 2016 from 600,700 persons in March 2016. This is 4,500 more than the April 2015 labour force of 598,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 69.5 percent in April 2016 from 69.3 percent in March 2016. The April 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 42,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2016. This is an increase of 800 from March 2016 and is 13,900 more than the number unemployed in April 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 566,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2016, down 1,600 from the March 2016 level of 568,300 and down 9,200 from the April 2015 employment level of 575,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2016 was 6.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2016 rate of 6.2 percent and 1.9 percentage points higher than the April 2015 rate of 4.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 97,600 persons in April 2016 to 17,824,200 persons from 17,726,600 persons in March 2016. In April 2015, there were 17,697,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in April 2016 to 7.5 percent from the March 2016 level of 7.7 percent. In April 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in April 2016. This remained unchanged from March 2016 and 0.3 percentage points higher than the April 2015 level of 6.8 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,269.0	19,199.2	19,058.7	69.8	210.3
Employed ('000)	17,824.2	17,726.6	17,697.9	97.6	126.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,298.5	14,159.9	14,222.4	138.6	76.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,525.7	3,566.7	3,475.5	-41.0	50.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,444.8	1,472.6	1,360.8	-27.8	84.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.7	7.1	-0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.1	65.3	0.2	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	602.5	600.7	598.0	1.8	4.5
Employed ('000)	560.1	559.2	569.5	0.9	-9.4
Full-Time ('000)	458.6	450.1	467.5	8.5	-8.9
Part-Time ('000)	101.5	109.1	101.9	-7.6	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	42.4	41.6	28.5	0.8	13.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	4.8	0.1	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	4.4	0.1	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.3	69.6	0.2	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	2,439.0	2,448.8	2,430.6	-9.8	8.4
Employed ('000)	2,242.3	2,259.6	2,284.6	-17.3	-42.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,824.1	1,834.6	1,859.2	-10.5	-35.1
Part-Time ('000)	418.2	425.0	425.3	-6.8	-7.1
Unemployed ('000)	196.6	189.2	146.0	7.4	50.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.7	6.0	0.4	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.1	5.6	0.1	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	72.2	72.8	-0.3	-0.9
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Labour Force ('000)	669.9	670.4	670.2	-0.5	-0.3
Employed ('000)	627.8	629.6	632.6	-1.8	-4.8
Full-Time ('000)	508.2	503.0	510.0	5.2	-1.8
Part-Time ('000)	119.7	126.6	122.6	-6.9	-2.9
Unemployed ('000)	42.1	40.8	37.6	1.3	4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.1	5.6	0.2	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.0	5.5	0.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.4	68.0	-0.2	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	602.5	600.7	598.0	1.8	4.5
Male	330.1	325.3	323.3	4.8	6.8
Female	272.4	275.4	274.7	-3.0	-2.3
15-24 Years of Age	86.4	86.0	89.5	0.4	-3.1
25+ Years of age	516.1	514.8	508.5	1.3	7.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	560.1	559.2	569.5	0.9	-9.4
Male	303.0	298.9	306.3	4.1	-3.3
Female	257.1	260.2	263.1	-3.1	-6.0
15-24 Years of Age	74.0	74.7	79.6	-0.7	-5.6
25+ Years of age	486.0	484.5	489.9	1.5	-3.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	42.4	41.6	28.5	0.8	13.9
Male	27.1	26.4	17.0	0.7	10.1
Female	15.4	15.2	11.5	0.2	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	12.3	11.3	6.1	1.0	6.2
25+ Years of age	30.1	30.3	16.8	-0.2	13.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	7.0	6.9	4.8	0.1	2.2
Male	8.2	8.1	5.3	0.1	2.9
Female	5.7	5.5	4.2	0.2	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	14.2	13.1	11.2	1.1	3.0
25+ Years of age	5.8	5.9	3.7	-0.1	2.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.5	69.3	69.6	0.2	-0.1
Male	75.5	74.5	74.6	1.0	0.9
Female	63.4	64.1	64.4	-0.7	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	64.0	63.6	65.2	0.4	-1.2
25+ Years of age	70.5	70.4	70.4	0.1	0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.8	40.2	41.0	-0.4	-1.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.2	24.1	25.0	0.1	-0.8
Utilities	7.2	7.0	6.6	0.2	0.6
Construction	50.0	49.9	54.0	0.1	-4.0
Manufacturing	24.8	24.5	25.5	0.3	-0.7
Trade	86.4	85.1	81.5	1.3	4.9
Transportation and Warehousing	27.0	27.2	30.4	-0.2	-3.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.0	29.9	31.0	0.1	-1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.5	26.6	25.0	0.9	2.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.1	12.3	15.0	0.8	-1.9
Educational Services	43.5	43.9	48.6	-0.4	-5.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.8	78.8	77.6	0.0	1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.8	18.9	16.9	-1.1	0.9
Accommodation and Food Services	36.5	37.5	35.7	-1.0	0.8
Other Services	25.5	25.5	25.1	0.0	0.4
Public Administration	28.0	27.6	30.4	0.4	-2.4
Total	560.1	559.2	569.5	0.9	-9.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	458.6	450.1	467.5	8.5	-8.9
Part-Time	101.5	109.1	101.9	-7.6	-0.4
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	454.1	451.7	464.7	2.4	-10.6
Public Sector	140.6	140.8	146.7	-0.2	-6.1
Private Sector	313.4	310.9	318.0	2.5	-4.6
Self-Employed	106.0	107.5	104.8	-1.5	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,824.2	17,726.6	17,697.9	97.6	126.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.7	220.4	229.3	8.3	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	67.0	66.8	69.4	0.2	-2.4
Nova Scotia	439.7	433.0	434.1	6.7	5.6
New Brunswick	339.1	332.7	343.7	6.4	-4.6
Quebec	4,040.0	4,016.1	4,058.0	23.9	-18.0
Ontario	6,921.5	6,874.4	6,833.6	47.1	87.9
Manitoba	627.8	629.6	632.6	-1.8	-4.8
Saskatchewan	560.1	559.2	569.5	0.9	-9.4
Alberta	2,242.3	2,259.6	2,284.6	-17.3	-42.3
British Columbia	2,357.9	2,334.8	2,243.1	23.1	114.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.5	7.7	7.1	-0.2	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.7	15.2	14.7	-0.5	0.0
Prince Edward Island	15.0	13.3	13.7	1.7	1.3
Nova Scotia	9.1	10.1	10.1	-1.0	-1.0
New Brunswick	11.4	11.9	11.6	-0.5	-0.2
Quebec	8.1	8.3	8.1	-0.2	0.0
Ontario	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.0	0.3
Manitoba	6.3	6.1	5.6	0.2	0.7
Saskatchewan	7.0	6.9	4.8	0.1	2.2
Alberta	8.1	7.7	6.0	0.4	2.1
British Columbia	5.6	6.7	6.2	-1.1	-0.6

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,041.4	18,043.5	17,897.4	-2.1	144.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.2	231.1	237.4	6.1	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	71.1	71.1	73.0	0.0	-1.9
Nova Scotia	449.7	447.7	444.3	2.0	5.4
New Brunswick	349.3	345.4	353.8	3.9	-4.5
Quebec	4,100.4	4,098.6	4,109.9	1.8	-9.5
Ontario	6,985.3	6,988.6	6,889.6	-3.3	95.7
Manitoba	633.2	636.2	638.0	-3.0	-4.8
Saskatchewan	566.7	568.3	575.9	-1.6	-9.2
Alberta	2,275.6	2,296.4	2,313.0	-20.8	-37.4
British Columbia	2,373.0	2,360.0	2,262.6	13.0	110.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.0	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.5	13.1	12.7	-0.6	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	11.5	11.0	10.6	0.5	0.9
Nova Scotia	8.3	9.1	9.1	-0.8	-0.8
New Brunswick	9.6	10.2	10.0	-0.6	-0.4
Quebec	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0
Ontario	7.0	6.8	6.8	0.2	0.2
Manitoba	6.1	6.0	5.5	0.1	0.6
Saskatchewan	6.3	6.2	4.4	0.1	1.9
Alberta	7.2	7.1	5.6	0.1	1.6
British Columbia	5.8	6.5	6.3	-0.7	-0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.8	7.7	6.8	0.1	1.0
Halifax	7.4	7.7	6.9	-0.3	0.5
Saint John	9.2	9.1	8.4	0.1	0.8
Quebec	5.1	5.6	5.5	-0.5	-0.4
Montreal	8.7	8.8	8.2	-0.1	0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.0	6.9	6.7	0.1	0.3
Toronto	7.3	7.1	6.9	0.2	0.4
Greater Sudbury	9.2	9.1	7.3	0.1	1.9
Winnipeg	6.2	6.3	6.0	-0.1	0.2
Regina	5.9	5.5	4.8	0.4	1.1
Saskatoon	7.5	7.0	5.5	0.5	2.0
Calgary	8.7	8.9	5.8	-0.2	2.9
Edmonton	7.5	7.2	6.4	0.3	1.1
Vancouver	6.0	6.4	6.0	-0.4	0.0
Victoria	6.2	6.3	5.9	-0.1	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.5	181.6	178.7	-0.1	2.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.4	52.2	54.2	0.2	-1.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	190.0	191.4	194.3	-1.4	-4.3
Yorkton-Melville	35.1	34.6	38.7	0.5	-3.6
Prince Albert & Northern	99.2	99.4	98.2	-0.2	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	599.4	598.8	593.9	0.6	5.5
Employed ('000)	558.2	559.6	563.7	-1.4	-5.5
Unemployed ('000)	41.1	39.1	30.2	2.0	10.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.5	5.1	0.4	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.2	69.1	0.0	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	64.6	65.6	-0.2	-1.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	547.7	547.3	545.1	0.4	2.6
Employed ('000)	514.9	516.0	520.2	-1.1	-5.3
Unemployed ('000)	32.8	31.4	24.9	1.4	7.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.7	4.6	0.3	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.6	69.7	0.0	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	65.6	66.5	-0.2	-1.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	51.7	51.4	48.9	0.3	2.8
Employed ('000)	43.3	43.7	43.6	-0.4	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	8.4	7.8	5.3	0.6	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.2	15.1	10.8	1.1	5.4
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	65.0	63.5	-0.1	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	55.2	56.6	-0.8	-2.2
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Labour Force ('000)	20.1	19.7	18.2	0.4	1.9
Employed ('000)	15.0	15.0	15.1	0.0	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	5.0	4.7	3.1	0.3	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	25.1	23.7	16.9	1.4	8.2
Participation Rate (%)	58.7	58.3	56.1	0.4	2.6
Employment Rate (%)	44.0	44.4	46.6	-0.4	-2.6
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Labour Force ('000)	31.2	31.3	30.7	-0.1	0.5
Employed ('000)	27.8	28.2	28.4	-0.4	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.1	2.2	0.2	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	9.9	7.3	0.8	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.9	69.2	-0.3	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.9	64.2	-0.8	-1.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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